

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. The Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Description of Related Art in the Background of the Invention in view of Jaffe.

Claims 2, 4, 6-8 and 11 are canceled. Claims 1, 3, and 5-9 are amended herein.

The office action states "a light source that is comprised of a CRT device is notoriously well known in the art." As support for the statement the office action cites Jaffe at Figures. 9, 12, and col 8 lines 17-19, col 14 lines 45-53. However, applicant believes this ground of rejection is moot because applicant's claims are amended herein to clarify the structure of applicant's invention. Therefore, the CRT devices featured in applicant's claims are optically coupled to an imager comprising individually addressable pixels. Such an arrangement is not known in the art. Further, Jaffe lacks any disclosure or suggestion to couple such a CRT device to an imager.

Further, the office has not cited any motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings Jaffe with applicant's description of LCOS technology. Jaffe relates solely to technology of the type traditionally employed for forming and/or projecting images by deflection of an electron gun to ignite phosphers in a cathode ray tube. According to CRT techniques, a video signal is applied to the CRT to control an electron beam. Therefore, in the technique described by Jaffe, light from ignited phosphers comprises the image itself. There is no suggestion in Jaffe, or in applicant's background to couple the light from ignited phosphers to an imager comprising individually controllable pixels.

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Further, the office has not cited motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Jaffe's disclosures related to CRT technology with applicants discussion of LCOS projection technology. The two technologies are generally understood to be designed on entirely different image forming principles. It is only with impermissible hindsight, and by using applicant's claims as a template, that one of ordinary skill in the art would arrive at such a combination.

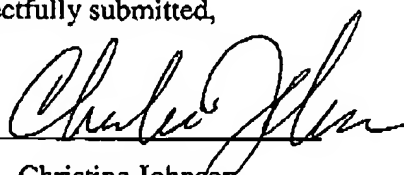
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3, 5, 9 and 10 are patentable and nonobvious over the cited references. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application. Such early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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